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BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES

and

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES USA, INC.,

jointly, Opposer,

v.

BOOKS WITHOUT BORDERS (KUTUB BILA HUDOOD),

Applicant.

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AMENDMENT TO APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION FOR "BOOKS WITHOUT BORDERS"

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 2.107(a), Applicant, BOOKS WITHOUT BORDERS (KUTUB BILA HUDOOD), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby amends Applicant's Answer to Notice of Opposition filed on May 22, 2012, as set forth below:

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The second paragraph under the caption "Defense #1: No Likelihood of Confusion" is amended to state:

1) Opposer's mark is weak and has lost any distinctiveness. The term "Without Borders" has become merely descriptive due to its widespread use by third parties providing various goods and services. A search for the term, "Without Borders," on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark Electronic Search System

(TESS) returned 126 live registered marks and applications for registration.¹

Some examples of registered marks are: "PEOPLE WITHOUT BORDERS,"

"VETERINARIANS WITHOUT BORDERS," "KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT

BORDERS," "LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS," "MINISTRIES WITHOUT

BORDERS," and "TEACHERS WITHOUT BORDERS."

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The fourth paragraph under the caption "Defense #2: No Dilution or Blurring" is amended

to state:

3) There are numerous third-party registrations and applications for marks

containing the term "Without Borders." A search for the term "Without Borders"

on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark Electronic Search System

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BORDERS," and "TEACHERS WITHOUT BORDERS."

Dated: May 24, 2012

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¹ Exhibit 1 (Printout of TESS search results for "without borders" as of May 18, 2012)

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I certify that a true and accurate copy of the AMENDMENT TO APPLICANT'S

ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION was served via first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the

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